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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3 and 14 from further consideration. Please amend claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-13, 15-17, and 19-20. Please add new claims 21-22.

A complete listing of all claims and their current status is presented below.

1.(currently amended) A display apparatus for suitably holding collectible cards comprising a partitioned card box having a first card holder with a first holder cap at a first side of the partitioned card box and a second card holder with a second holder cap located at a second side of said partitioned card box, ~~wherein the first holder cap comprises a latch or locking mechanism for storing at least one collectible card securely inside the first card holder, wherein the first holder cap or card holder is transparent for display and viewing, and wherein the second holder cap or card holder is opaque for cards storage.~~

2.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a ~~second~~ latch or locking mechanism on any of the first or second holder cap ~~for storing a balance of said collectible cards securely inside the second card holder.~~

3.(canceled)

4.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~ the first holder cap or card holder is UV protective.

5.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~ the first holder cap or card holder is color coded.

6.(original) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of said card holders is equipped with means for card identification, inventory, and tracing with an electronic system, said means being selected from a group consisting of readable chips with preloaded data, embedded microchips with preloaded data, RF identifiers, and barcodes.

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- 7.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein said partitioned card box is made of a material selected from a group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, polyester, polycarbonate, polystyrene, polyether, acrylic, ~~poly(methyl—methacrylate)~~ polymethylmethacrylate, and mixtures thereof.
- 8.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of said card holders~~ the first card holder comprises a recessed portion having card-fitting dimensions for receiving the cards to be held, ~~wherein the card-fitting dimensions are sized and configured to allow grasping means for picking up an edge of the cards from the at least one of said card holders.~~
- 9.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the card-fitting dimensions of ~~the first card holder~~ comprise a first depth for receiving one card to be held, wherein the first depth is equal to or slightly larger than the thickness of said one card.
- 10.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 9, wherein the card-fitting dimensions comprise a depth and a pair of four sides that have two parallel longitudinal sides and two parallel traverse sides forming a rectangle, wherein at least one of said four sides has a riser, each said riser having a shape selected from a group consisting of a rectangular shape, a triangular shape, and a trapezoid shape.
- 11.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 10, wherein each said riser is sized, dimensioned and configured with appropriate spaces for allowing the cards to be removed from the ~~at least one first card holder by said grasping means for picking up the edge or a corner of the~~ cards.
- 12.(currently amended) The display apparatus of claim 10, wherein each said riser has a riser surface, said riser surface is being treated with friction reducing means for enabling easier card insertion ~~and/or~~ removal.
- 13.(currently amended) A method of holding and displaying collectible cards comprising:

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providing a partitioned card box having a first card holder with a first holder cap at a first side of the partitioned card box and a second card holder with a second holder cap located at an opposite second side of said partitioned card box, wherein the first holder cap comprises a first latch mechanism and the second holder cap comprises a second latch mechanism; the first holder cap or card holder being transparent for displaying, and the second holder cap or card holder being opaque for cards holding;

turning the first card holder in ~~an essentially~~ a substantially upright position;

storing at least one collectible card inside the first holder and applying the first latch mechanism to securely holding at least one said collectible card;

turning the partitioned card box to enable the second card holder facing upward in an essentially upright position; and

storing a balance of the collectible cards inside the second holder and applying the second latch mechanism to securely holding said balanced of the collectible cards.

14.(cancelled)

15.(currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein at least one said holder cap or card holder is color coded.

16.(currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said partitioned card box is made of a material selected from a group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, polyester, polycarbonate, polystyrene, polyether, acrylic, ~~poly(methyl methacrylate)~~ polymethylmethacrylate, and mixtures thereof.

17.(currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein at least one of said card holders comprises a recessed portion having card-fitting dimensions for receiving the cards to be held; ~~wherein the card fitting dimensions are sized and configured to allow grasping means for picking up an edge of the cards from the at least one of said card holders.~~

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18.(original) The method of claim 17, wherein the card-fitting dimensions of the first card holder comprise a first depth for receiving one card to be held, wherein the first depth is equal to or slightly larger than the thickness of said one card.

19.(currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the card-fitting dimensions comprise a depth and a pair of four sides that have two parallel longitudinal sides and two parallel traverse sides forming an rectangle, wherein at least one of said four sides has a riser, each said riser having a shape selected from a group consisting of a rectangular shape, a triangular shape, and a trapezoid shape.

20.(currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein each said riser is sized, dimensioned, and configured with appropriate spaces for allowing the cards to be removed from the at least one said card holder ~~by said grasping means for picking up the edge or a corner of the cards.~~

21.(new) The method of claim 19, wherein each said riser has a riser surface, said riser surface being treated with friction reducing means for enabling easier card insertion or removal.

22.(new) The method of claim 13, wherein the first latch mechanism and the second latch mechanism are at an opposite side of said partitioned card box.